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## APPENDIX.

[Vide answer to question No. 621 asked by Mr. A. Tangavelu Nayagar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 20th December 1922, page 1037 supra.]

*Statement showing the demand and collection under renewal and repair of survey marks during 1921-22.*

District.	Cost of stones and hired labour.			Fees for the time and labour of revenue inspectors.		
	Demand.			Collection.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Ganjam .. ..	2,031	13	0	2,542	0	4
Vizagapatam .. ..	506	10	0	360	10	9
Godavari .. ..	1,795	3	5	2,403	14	5
Kistna .. ..	3,667	13	8	4,309	13	1
Guntur .. ..	1,685	12	0	1,617	4	0
Kurnool .. ..	2,130	10	1	2,270	2	4
Bellary .. ..	5,472	12	1	5,439	14	8
Anantapur .. ..	2,381	1	4	2,569	13	2
Cuddapah .. ..	5,422	9	0	6,172	5	7
Nellore .. ..	470	13	6	639	15	7
Chingleput .. ..	806	15	10	745	10	1
Chittoor .. ..	1,166	14	10	1,137	11	1
North Arcot .. ..	802	4	6	842	0	0
South Arcot .. ..	424	9	4	439	15	10
Tanjore .. ..	2,807	6	8	1,364	7	6
Trichinopoly .. ..	3,516	2	6	2,219	5	2
Madura .. ..	1,154	0	0	2,250	14	4
Ramanad .. ..	1,593	2	8	1,351	7	5
Tinnevelly .. ..	1,814	0	9	2,189	14	10
Salem .. ..	560	1	6	724	13	7
Coimbatore .. ..	2,101	1	1	2,597	9	3
Malabar .. ..	3,127	4	10	3,970	13	7
South Kanara .. ..	899	0	9	797	3	0
The Nilgiris .. ..	356	3	0	377	2	9

*Note.*—The figures under collection include also the amounts realized during 1921-22 on account of the arrears of previous years. Figures regarding the amount realized out of the demand for 1921-22 alone are not separately available.

## III

## DURATION OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1923.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I may inform the House that I propose to adjourn the Council on Friday next, after that day's work is over, to meet again on Monday the 29th January 1923. That meeting will be one of five days' duration—from Monday the 29th January to Friday the 2nd February. On 17th November last, I informed the House that, so far as could be foreseen at that time, there would not be any Government work to justify a meeting in January 1923; but His Excellency the Governor has since decided otherwise and the present announcement is made accordingly. Should the state of the Government business left over at the end of the January meeting demand it, there will be another meeting towards the end of February 1923, which will be held on the 23rd and 24th and, if necessary, on the 26th, and the budget will be presented on the 27th February 1923.

[The President]

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This provisional programme of Council work in January and February will, I trust, be of help to hon. Members in forecasting their engagements for these months."

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI (DEPUTY PRESIDENT):—"May I respectfully ask, Mr. President, if the resolutions are taken into consideration in fixing the number of days for the next meetings? A number of resolutions are heaped up."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"In the matter of fixing these days, I understood from several members that about five days will be the most convenient period for them to sit, and our practice in this Council has been, as soon as the Government work is over, to devote the whole of the remaining time to non-official work. For instance, during this sitting we shall have, I think, the whole of Friday for resolutions, and there have been meetings when we had two days, three days and four days for resolutions. But it is open, I believe, under the Standing Orders, for His Excellency to allot a particular time for non-official business. If it is the wish of the hon. Member that it should be so, I am prepared to move His Excellency in the matter; but if that is done, there is just the contingency that, when the Government work gets through earlier than is expected, there will not be any other work, and we shall have to adjourn and keep quiet till the non-official work is taken up on the day set apart for it. It is entirely for non-Members to consider what they think to be more convenient for them, but the present practice, I understood, is one which meets the wishes of most hon. Members. But if it is the wish of the Deputy President that His Excellency should be moved to fix a day for non-official work, I believe he can do it by moving an address to His Excellency to that effect."

Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI (DEPUTY PRESIDENT):—"Is it to His Excellency, Sir, or should I submit the matter to you? There is considerable discontent among the members and more discontent among the constituents that most of these resolutions have been put off from session to session."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The information that I have had from several members is somewhat different from what the hon. the Deputy President has stated. But the best thing for him will be to table a resolution, stating exactly his wishes in the matter. I shall be glad, so far as I have the power to do so, to give effect to those wishes, and if the matter is one for His Excellency to consider, I shall put before him the wishes of the House."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU:—"There is, no doubt, Sir, that there are some resolutions of great and urgent importance which we have held over, and there is no way of bringing them up for discussion. As to how this can be done is a matter which has to be thought over. If the resolutions are taken up in their order, there is the contingency that the important ones may not be reached at all, and certainly we cannot make these latter matters of urgent public importance and ask for an adjournment of the House to discuss them. So we are met with difficulties all round and it is a matter for which a remedy cannot be even offered or suggested at the spur of the moment."



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"I have only one word more, Sir, to say. I should like the hon. the Leader of the House to make a statement as regards the Government business that is likely to be brought up in January so that we may be in a position to know, without being surprised by something like the two days' notice as in the case of one of the Bills on the agenda, what business will be brought up in the next session of the Council. I wanted to suggest this at the last meeting, and I hope, before the meeting is adjourned, the Government may make a statement as regards the business which they wish to place before the House at the next meeting."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—"I shall be very glad to endeavour to comply with the hon. Member's request."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"So far as the state of business is concerned, the proper thing would be for us to appoint a committee consisting of members of all parties to consider this question; the arrangement of the resolutions is done by ballot and I do not think it is open to us, unless we change the Standing Orders, to alter that practice. I should not change it on my own responsibility and, as the hon. Member has said, there may be resolutions which are of importance and which find a place very low down. But if it is the wish of the House to change the practice, the question should be brought up as an amendment to the Standing Orders, or, better still, the House may have a committee to consider the whole question and to report thereon. So far as I am concerned, I have only to give the assurance, which I have already given, that I will certainly endeavour to carry out the wishes of the House, and where those wishes could be carried out only by His Excellency the Governor, I am prepared to place before him the considered wishes of the House for consideration."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :—"I do not know if the hon. the Leader of the House is interested in the setting up of the non-official business to be done in this House. If he is, I would suggest that he should be the person to move for the appointment of a committee such as the one indicated by you, Sir."

#### IV

#### DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1922-23.

#### Grant VII.

The hon. Mr. A. R. KNAPP :—"Mr. President, I beg to move

*'that the Government be granted a sum of Rs. 13,662 under 22-A (a)—General Administration—Staff and household of the Governor—Personal staff of His Excellency the Governor of Madras and His Excellency the Governor's Bodyguard for additional expenditure anticipated on the Bodyguard of His Excellency the Governor during the current year.'*

"I may explain, Sir, that this does not represent any enhancement in the scale of the establishment employed over that which has hitherto been employed and for which the Council at the budget meeting intended to provide. The position is this. Up to last year the charges for the Bodyguard were not brought before the Council at all. They were a military item provided for in the military budget. The Military Secretary, when called upon for the first time to make an estimate of this year's expenditure to be placed on our budget, found himself with very limited data and did